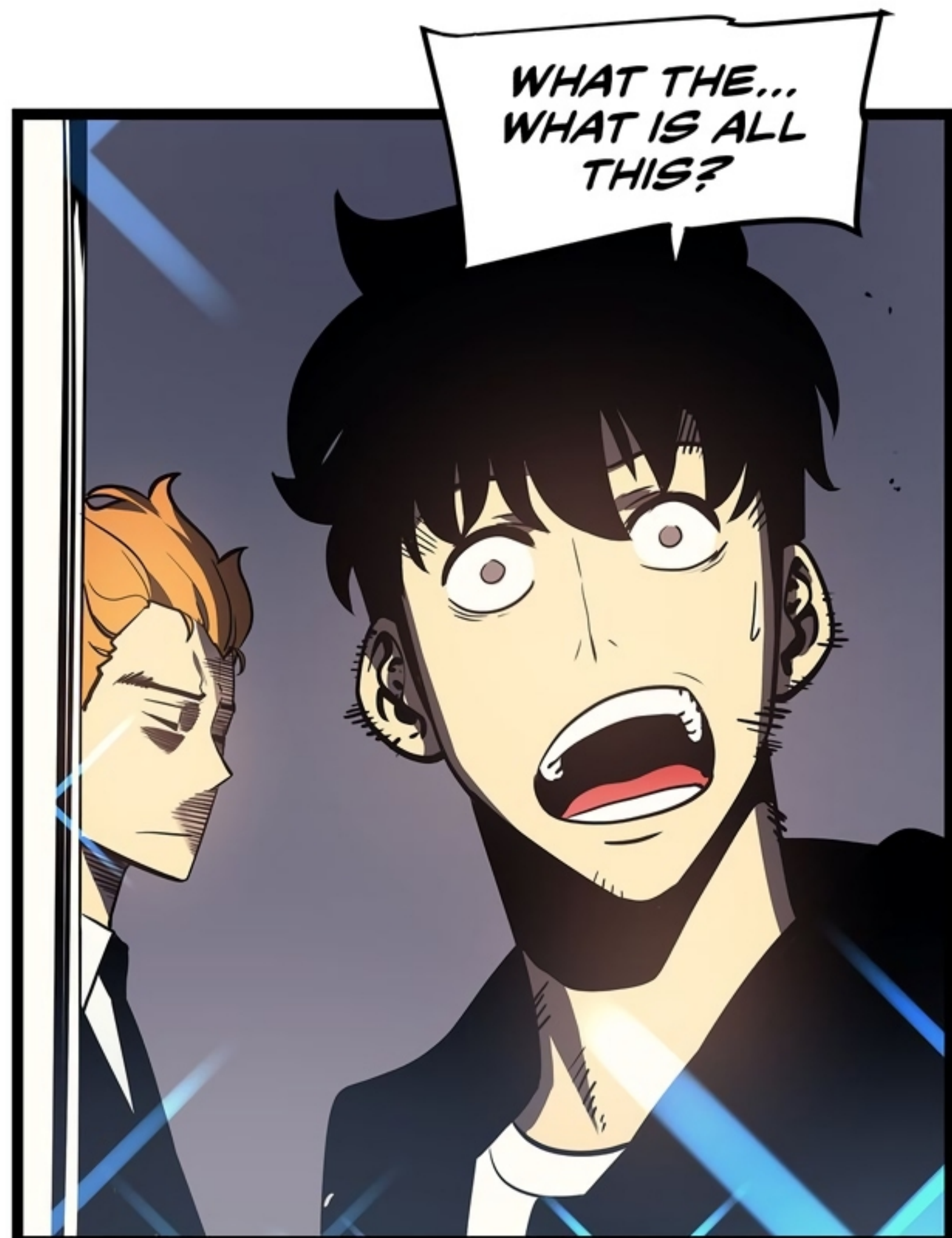
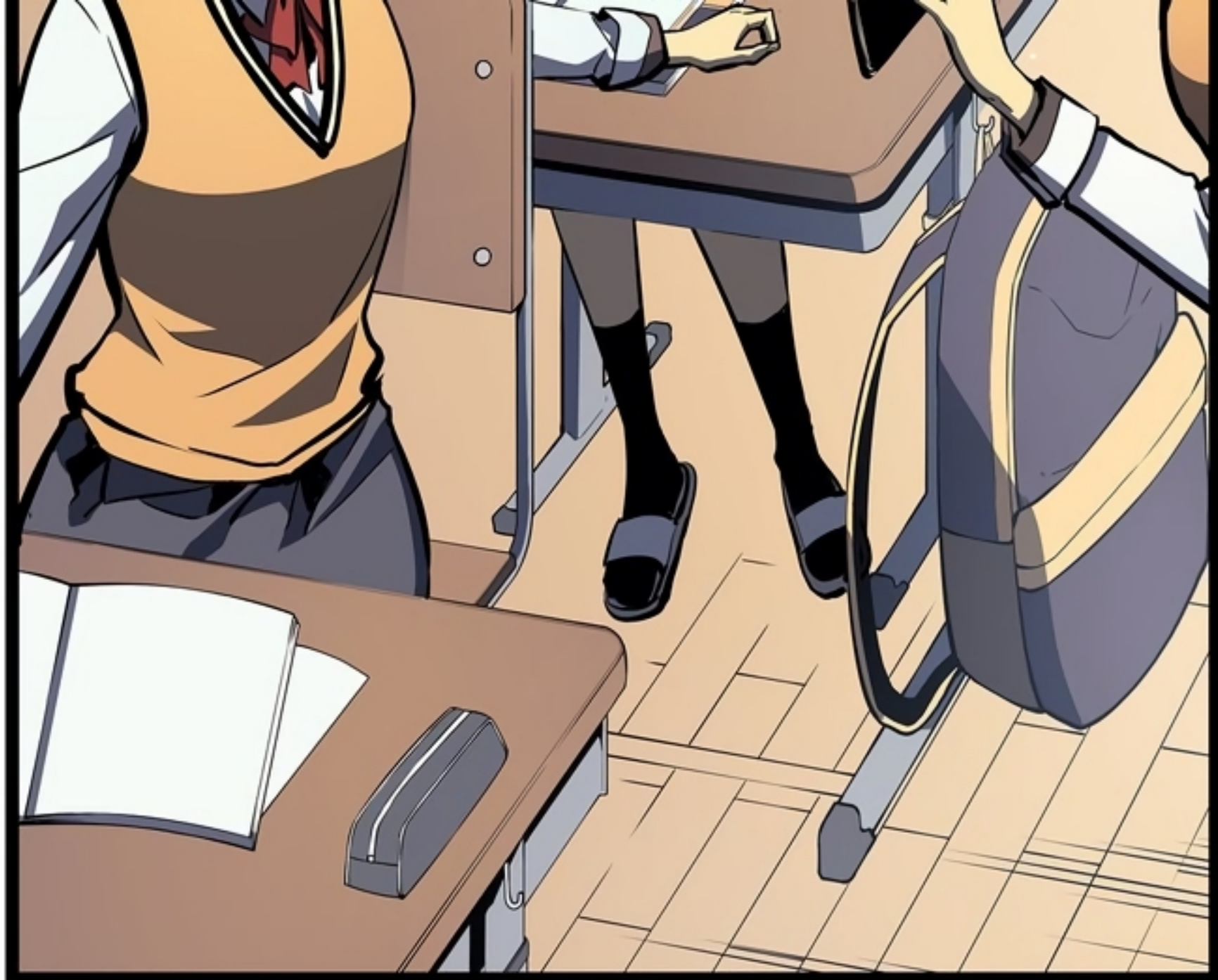




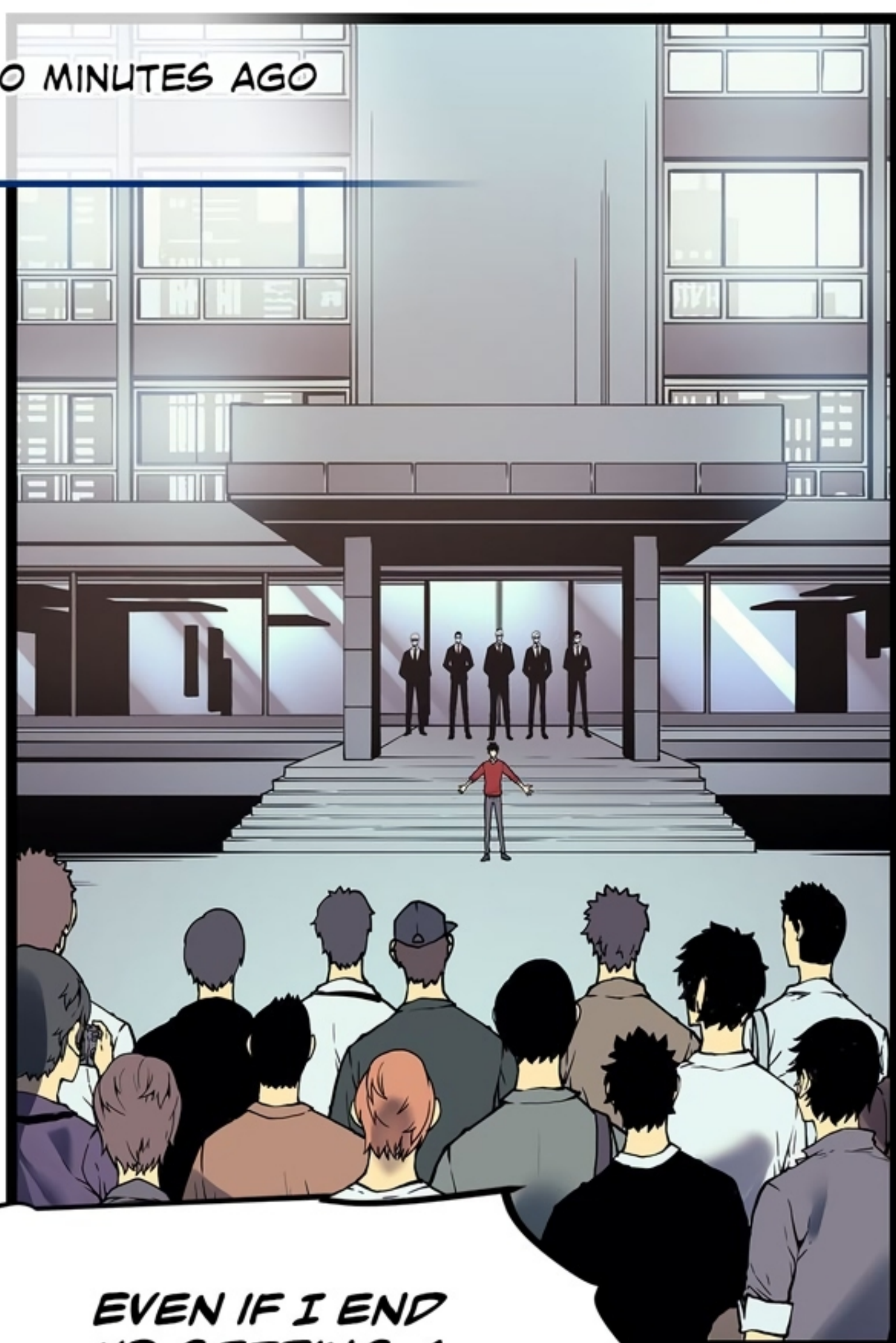


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10 MINUTES AGO



**EVEN IF I END
UP GETTING A
LOW RANK,**

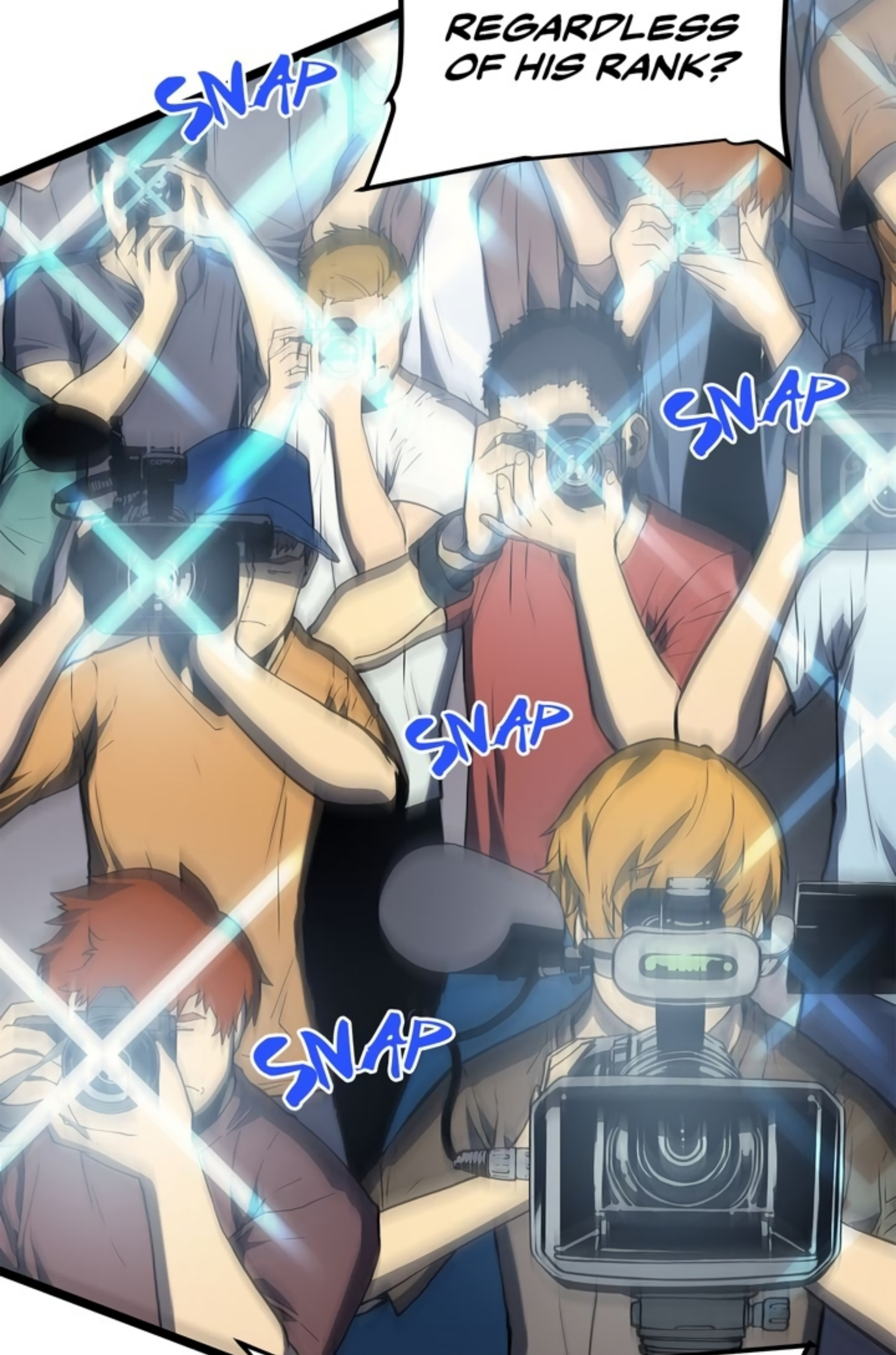
**I WILL STILL FIGHT
AGAINST MAGIC
BEASTS TO REPAY
ALL THE LOVE AND
SUPPORT MY FANS
HAVE GIVEN ME!**

WHATEVER
RANK I GET TODAY,
I, LEE MINSUNG,
PROMISE TO BE A
HUNTER WHO SERVES
THE PEOPLE!



WHAT?
LEE MINSUNG
IS RETIRING?

REGARDLESS
OF HIS RANK?



ARE YOU SAYING
YOU'LL THROW AWAY
YOUR TITLE AS ASIA'S
BIGGEST STAR AND
BECOME A HUNTER,
EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE
A LOW RANK?

YES, PAY
ATTENTION TO ME,
EVERYONE! TO THE
ONE AND ONLY
LEE MINSUNG!





I, ASIA'S GREATEST
MOVIE STAR, AM
ANNOUNCING MY
RETIREMENT!

MR. LEE, LOOK
THIS WAY!

YOU'LL GIVE UP
EVERYTHING EVEN IF
YOU TURN OUT TO BE
A LOW-RANKING
HUNTER?!

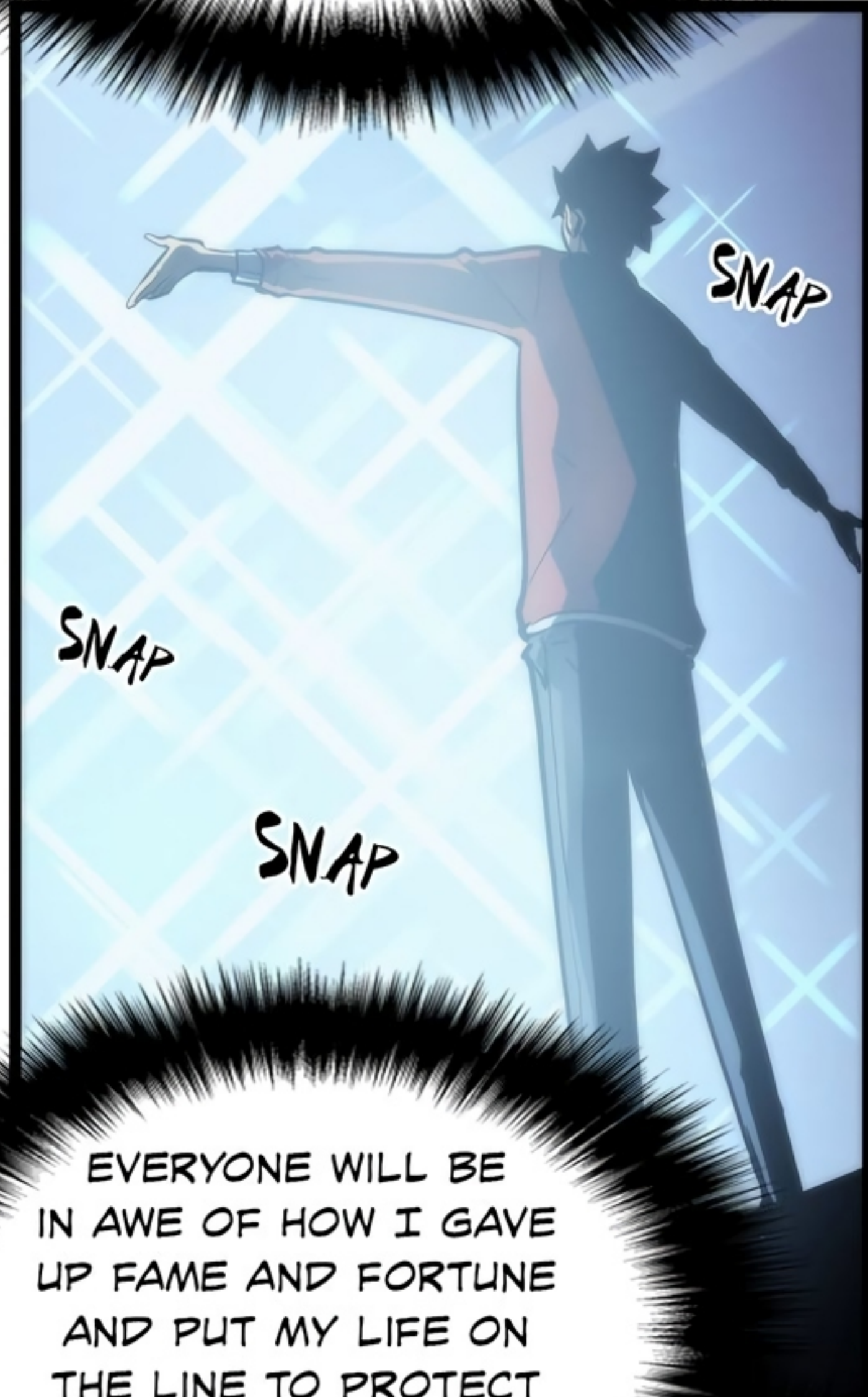
OF COURSE,
THIS IS ALL JUST
A BIG FAT LIE.

I'VE ALREADY
BEEN EVALUATED
AND RECEIVED
AN A-RANK!

JUST TWO
YEARS.

FOR JUST TWO
YEARS, I'M GOING TO BE
PAID MILLIONS TO HELP
PROMOTE THE FIEND
GUILD,

WHICH WILL PUT
TO REST ANY RUMORS
ABOUT ME AND DIVERT
THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION
AWAY FROM THE ISSUE OF
MY MANDATORY MILITARY
SERVICE!



EVERYONE WILL BE
IN AWE OF HOW I GAVE
UP FAME AND FORTUNE
AND PUT MY LIFE ON
THE LINE TO PROTECT
THE CITIZENS OF
THIS COUNTRY.

A PRETTY
CONVINCING STORY,
IF I DO SAY SO
MYSELF.

I WOULD LIKE
TO THANK MR. LIM
TAE-GYU, THE MASTER
OF THE FIEND GUILD,
FOR INVITING ME
TO JOIN...

**WHAT?!
AN S-RANK
HUNTER?!**

**YOU GOT A
CALL FROM THE
ASSOCIATION?**

**WHY
THE HELL ARE
YOU TELLING
ME NOW?!**



**SERIOUSLY?! THE
IDENTITY OF SOUTH
KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK
HUNTER HAS BEEN
REVEALED?!**



**IT'S TRUE! THE
ASSOCIATION'S
WEBSITE HAS
BEEN UPDATED!**

IS THIS HIM?!



**IS HE THE
10TH S-RANK
HUNTER?!**



DIDN'T
THE ASSOCIATION
CLOSE DOWN THE
EVALUATION CENTER
EARLIER THIS
MORNING?

FWIP

IT WASN'T
BECAUSE OF LEE
MINSUNG?

TURN

SWISH

THEY CLOSED DOWN THE
EVALUATION CENTER FOR
THE S-RANK HUNTER, NOT
LEE MINSUNG?

A NEW S-RANK HUNTER?!
WE CAN'T MISS THIS!

G, GUYS?

DASH





COME ON,
LET US IN!

WE JUST
HEARD THERE'S
A NEW S-RANK
HUNTER!

SHOULDN'T
WE HAVE BEEN
NOTIFIED IN
ADVANCE?!

BUSTLE

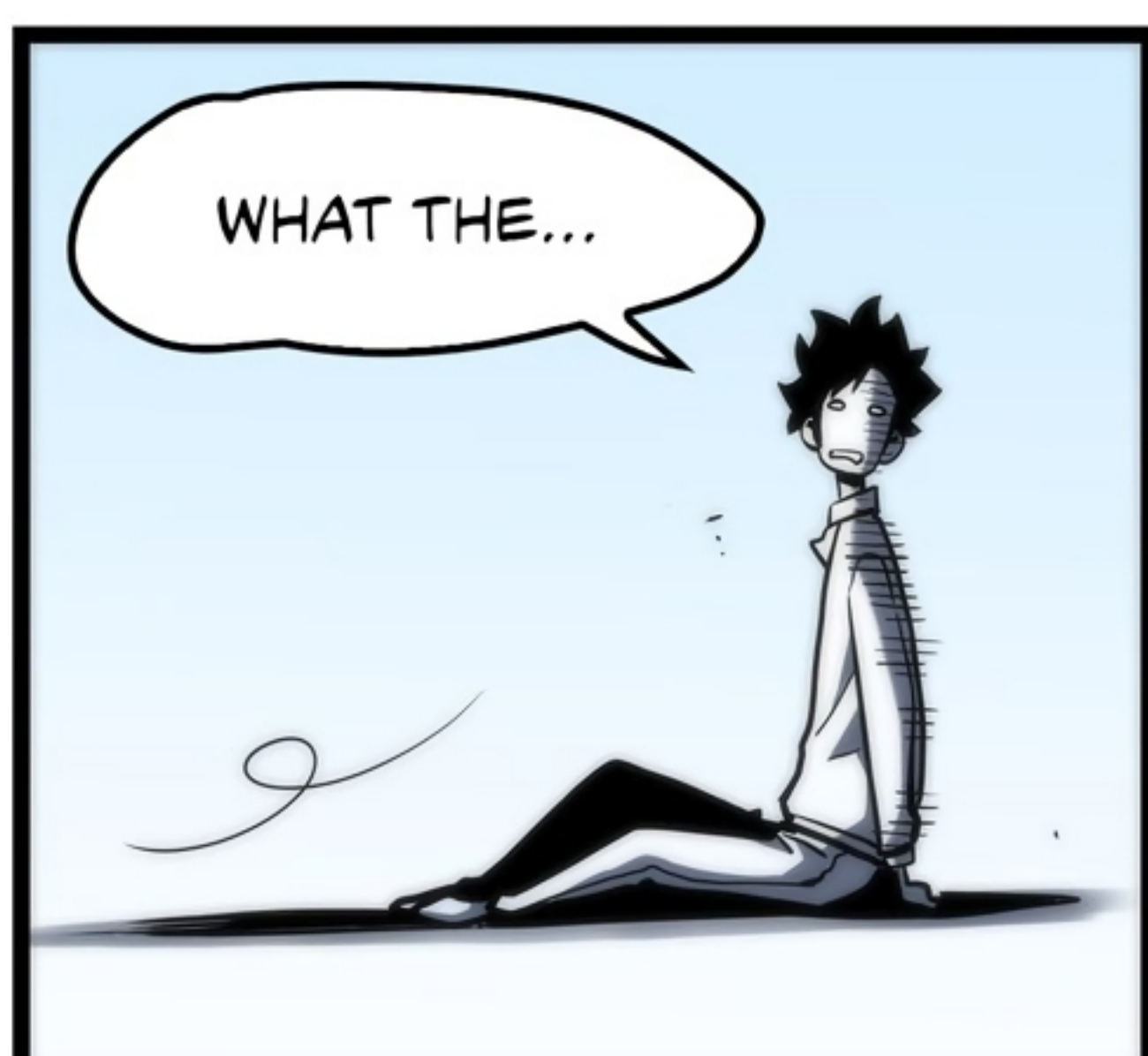
CHATTER

GET OUT OF
THE WAY!

W, WHAT?
AN S-RANK?

AN S-RANK
HUNTER APPEARED
TODAY OF ALL
DAYS?





SNAP SNAP SNAP



...ISN'T THAT
SLUNG?



SLUNG IS ON
THE NEWS.

GLANCE
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



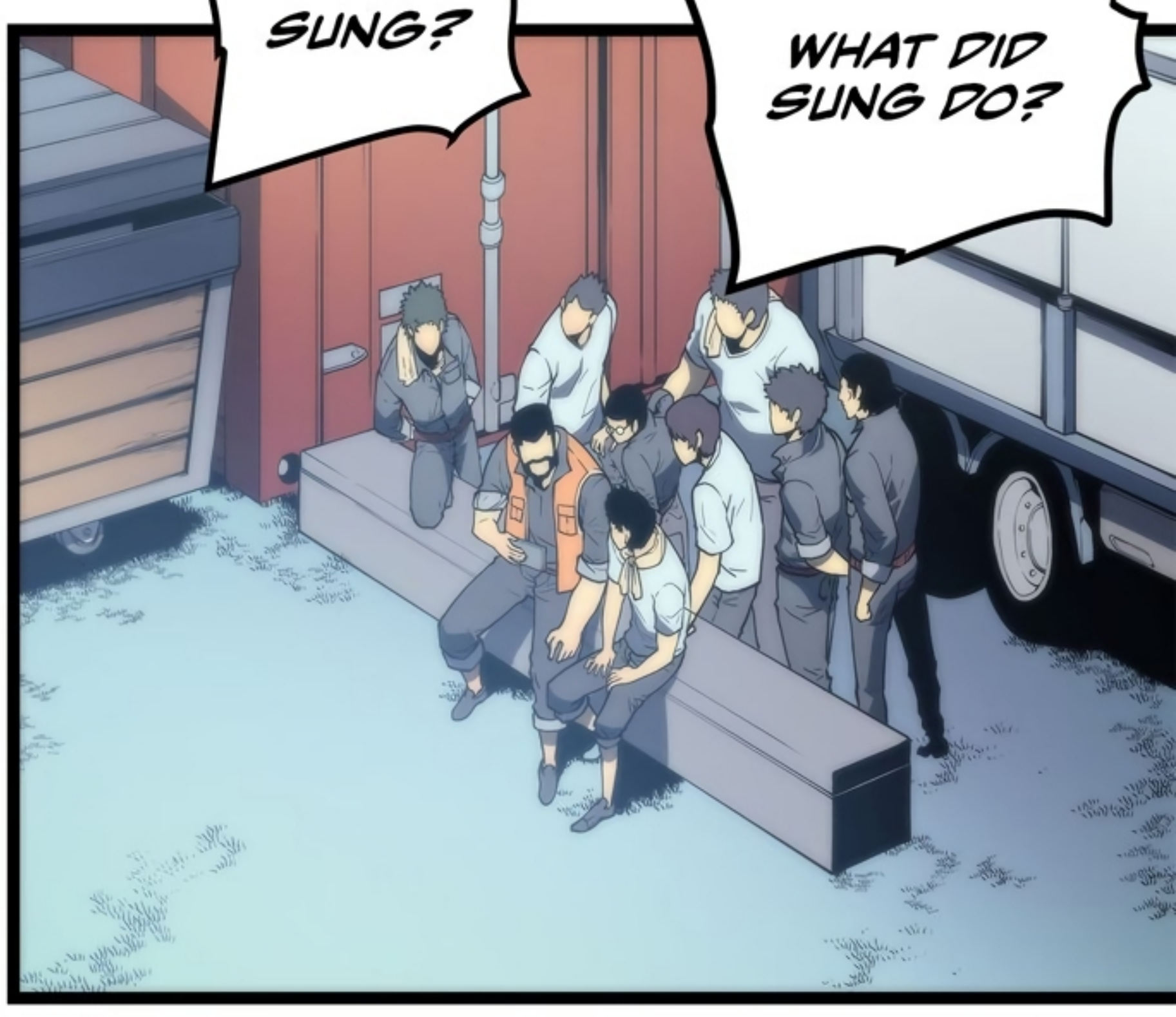
**I KNEW IT! I KNEW
FROM THE MOMENT HE
GLARED AT ME!!**



**LET'S SEE
WHAT HEINOUS
CRIMES THAT
SCUMBAG HAS
COMMITTED!**

SUNG?

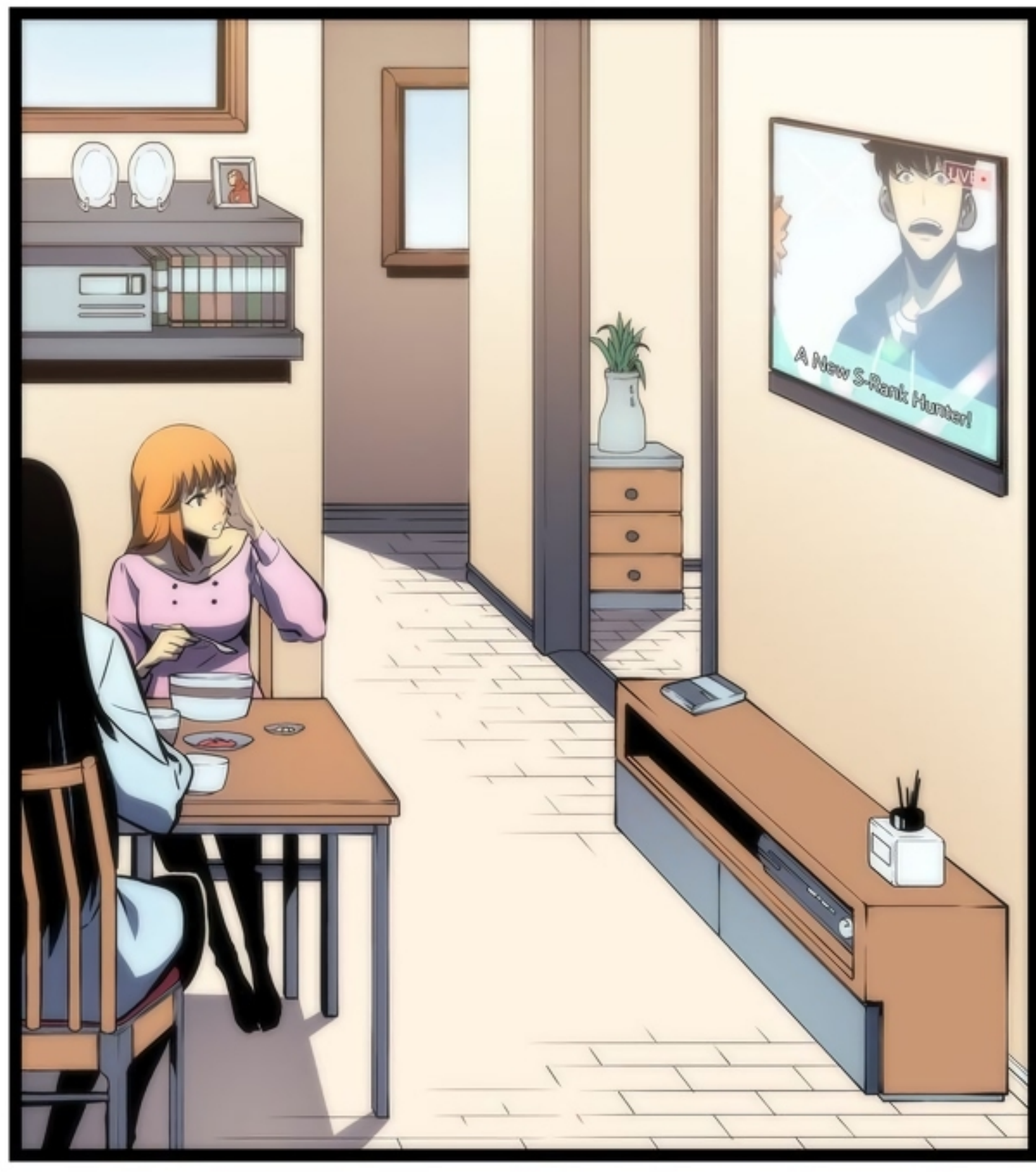
**WHAT DID
SUNG DO?**



**SOUTH KOREA'S
10TH S-RANK HUNTER,
SUNG JINWOO, HAS
JUST...**



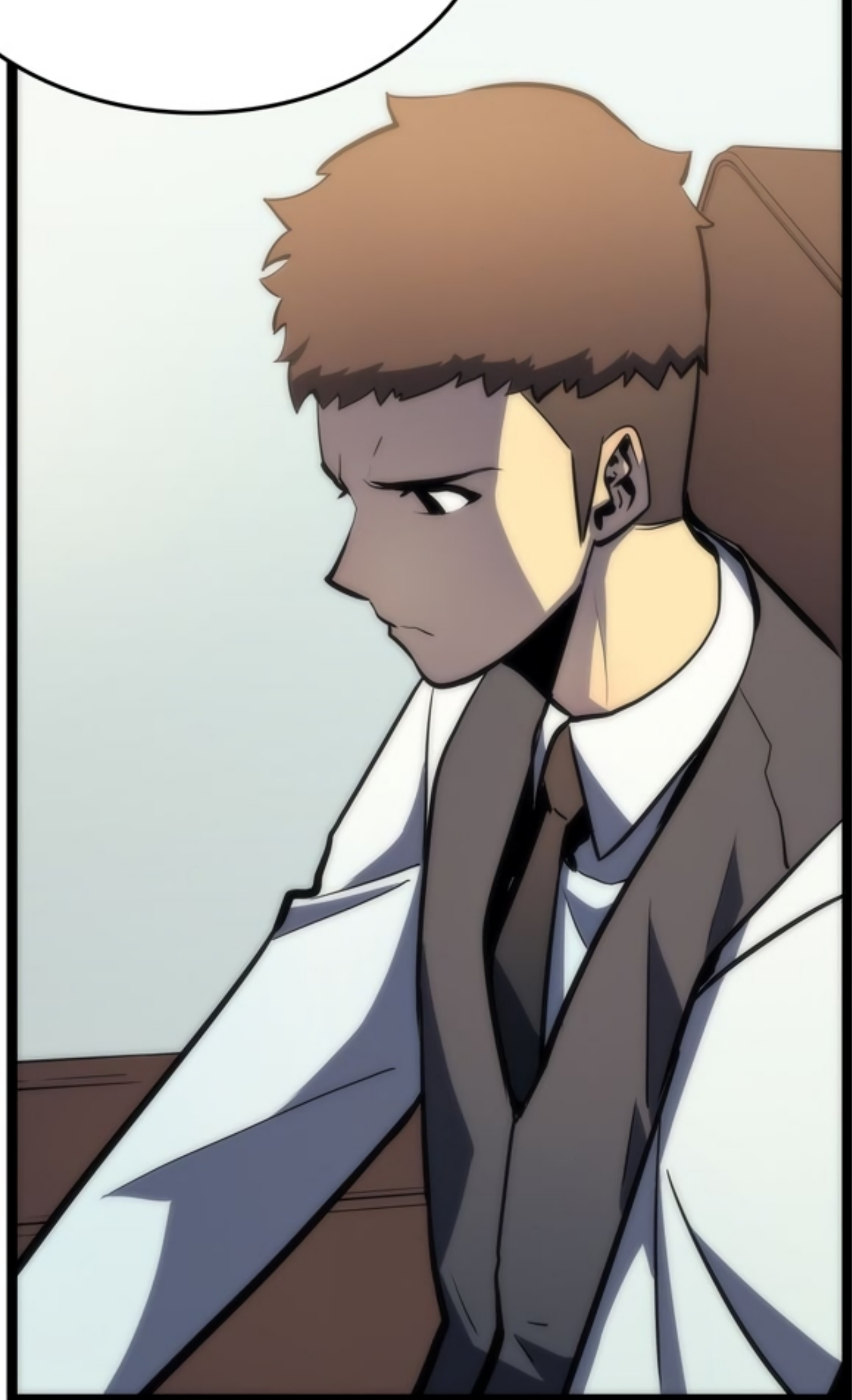
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JUST NOW,
THE ASSOCIATION
RELEASED AN OFFICIAL
STATEMENT REGARDING
SUNG JINWOO. HE'S AN
S-RANK MAGE-TYPE
HUNTER.



WERE YOU
ABLE TO RECRUIT
HIM?



I'M SORRY,
FATHER.





I WASN'T ABLE
TO CONVINCE
HIM.



JINWOO TOLD
ME THAT...



...HE'S GOING TO
FORM HIS OWN GUILD.
HE ASKED ME TO JOIN
AS THE VICE GUILD
MASTER IF I WAS
INTERESTED...





DO YOU KNOW WHY
I WANT TO CREATE
THE YOOJIN
GUILD?

BECAUSE THE
HUNTING BUSINESS IS
PROFITABLE...?

CURRENTLY, I HAVE
ENOUGH MONEY TO
LAST ME MANY
LIFETIMES.

DO YOU THINK I'D RISK
GETTING INTO FEUDS
WITH THE MAJOR GUILDS
JUST TO MAKE A FEW
MORE BUCKS?

THEN WHY...?

IN ORDER TO
PROTECT US.



HUNTERS
ARE GROWING
STRONGER BY
THE DAY.

IT'S NO LONGER
SURPRISING TO COME
ACROSS A HUNTER WHOSE
STRENGTH RIVALS THE
COMBINED ARMED
FORCES OF A
COUNTRY.

THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
CALLED "**NATIONAL LEVEL
HUNTERS.**" THEY SURPASS
S-RANKS AND ARE
CONSIDERED THE MOST
POWERFUL HUNTERS
IN THE WORLD.

IN SOME SMALLER
COUNTRIES, THESE
HUNTERS REIGN
LIKE KINGS.

WE CAN'T KEEP RELYING
ON OUR LEGAL SYSTEM
AND THE GOVERNMENT
TO PROTECT US.

I WANT TO CREATE
A GUILD SO THAT I CAN
RECRUIT TRUSTWORTHY
HUNTERS.

NOT BECAUSE I
WANT TO MAKE MONEY OR
CONNECTIONS, BUT BECAUSE
I WANT TO FIND HUNTERS
THAT I CAN TRULY TRUST
AND DEPEND ON.

IT SEEMS LIKE
YOU'VE ALREADY
MANAGED TO
FIND ONE,

SO YOU HAVE
MY APPROVAL.

CLINK

I'LL LET YOU
BE THE LEADER
OF THE YOOJIN
GUILD.





BUILD
AND EXPAND THE
YOOJIN GUILD.

GATHER UP STRONG
HUNTERS THAT YOU CAN
TRUST AND MAKE THEM
YOUR ALLIES.

IN THE FUTURE,
THOSE HUNTERS
WILL BE THE MOST
VALUABLE ASSET
YOU OWN.



*THANK YOU,
FATHER!*



*BUT I CAN'T
ACCEPT YOUR
OFFER.*

HM?

**I'M GOING TO
JOIN JINWOO'S
GUILD.**

**WHY ARE ALL THESE
REPORTERS IN FRONT
OF ME? WHY AREN'T
THEY TAKING PHOTOS
OF LEE MINSUNG?**

**MR. SUNG JINWOO!
ARE YOU REALLY THE
E-RANK HUNTER WHO
WAS PART OF THE
ASSOCIATION?**

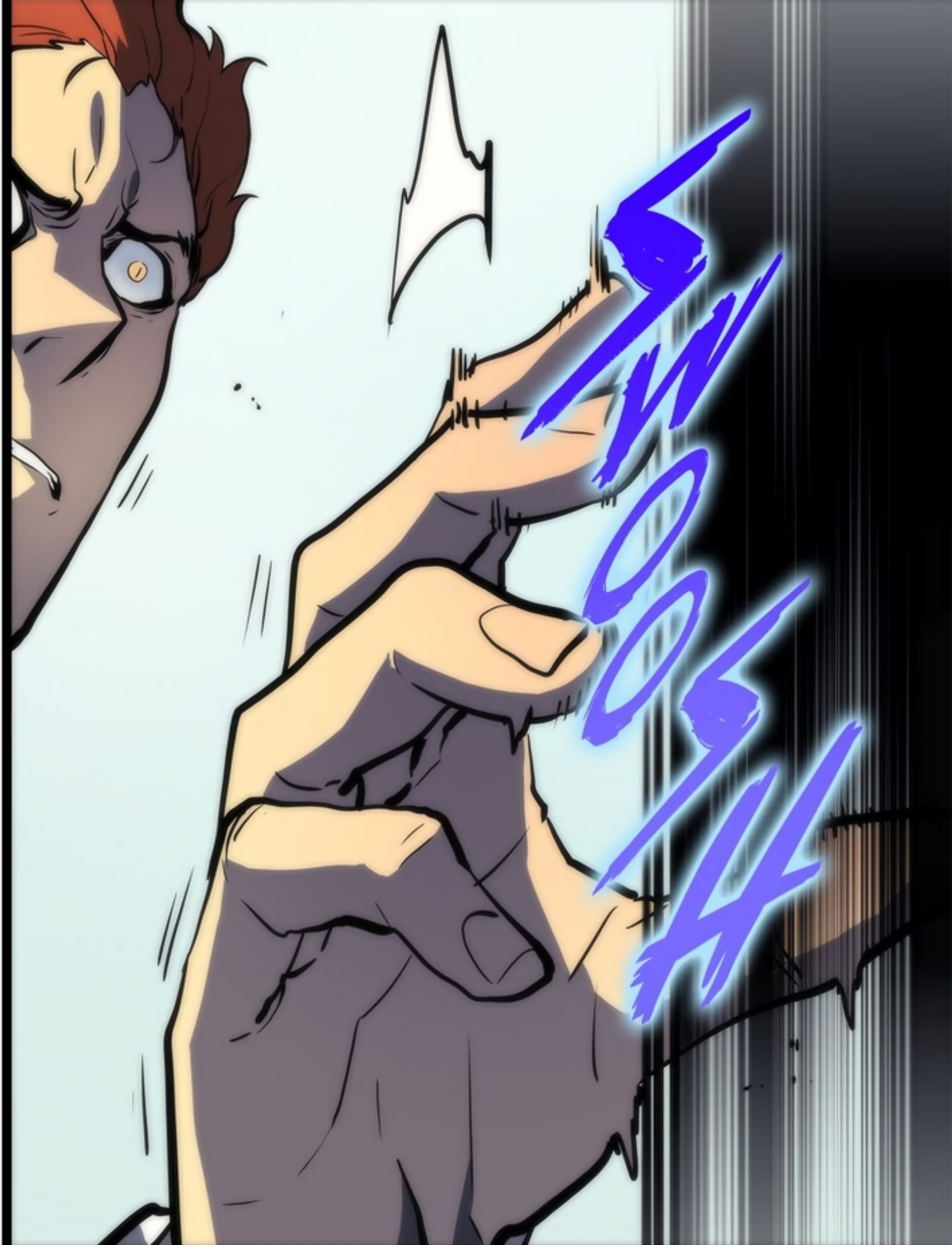
**YOU'VE RECENTLY BEEN
REAWAKENED, SOMETHING
THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN
EVERY DAY! HOW DO YOU
FEEL RIGHT NOW?**

EXCUSE ME!
MR. SUNG, PLEASE
LOOK THIS WAY!

MR. SUNG! THE
ENTIRE COUNTRY
IS WATCHING.
COME ON, SMILE
FOR THE
CAMERAS!

DEALING
WITH THEM WILL
DRAIN YOU.

LET US
TAKE YOU HOME.
PLEASE FOLLOW
ME.





I'M GOOD.

FWIP



H, HUH?

WHAT WAS
THAT JUST
NOW?

HE'S A MAGE-TYPE
HUNTER, BUT HE ALSO
HAS EXCELLENT
ATHLETIC ABILITIES.



MR. BAEK?



HE'S FAST!



SO FAST
THAT MY EYES
CAN'T KEEP
UP!





I ALREADY
KNEW HE WAS
STRONG,

BUT THIS ISN'T
JUST A MATTER
OF STRENGTH.

THE WAY HE
MOVED JUST
NOW...!



I COULD FEEL
HOW INTENSE HIS MANA
LEVELS WERE WHEN WE
MET IN FRONT OF THE
EVALUATION ROOM!

HE'S GOT INSANE
MAGIC CAPABILITIES!
SO THIS IS THE REAL
SUNG JINWOO?

EXCUSE ME,
HOLD ON A
SECOND.

I NEED TO
HAVE A WORD
WITH YOU.



HE'S BECOME
MUCH STRONGER
SINCE THE LAST
TIME I SAW
HIM!

HE WASN'T THIS
STRONG THE LAST
TIME I SAW HIM. THE
DIFFERENCE IS
ASTONISHING.



AT LEAST I WAS
ABLE TO RESCUE
THREE OF YOUR
HUNTERS.

...I, THE GUILD
MASTER, HAVE THE
RIGHT TO ASK YOU A
QUESTIONS, NO?



AS THE GUILD
MASTER, SHOULDN'T
YOU BE THANKING
ME?



I'M SURE THE
SUNG JINWOO NOW
IS MORE POWERFUL
THAN WE ARE.

BUT HIS
REAWAKENING MUST
HAVE HAPPENED A
WHILE BACK.

SO HOW DID HE
BECOME STRONGER?
IT DOESN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE.



NO...

PERHAPS HE WASN'T
REAWAKENED!

COULD HE
BE...



*...A HUNTER
WHO CAN KEEP
LEVELING UP?*



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